

Summer 2010

Joy Fellowship Newsletter



Krisha with her parents, Charlotte & Russell Beyer

Krisha's convocation was held on April 27th at Broadway Church. She received her Master of Theology (ThM) degree with a concentration in Old Testament.

She also received the Professor W. J. Martin Prize for Hebrew – she was the outstanding student in the college in Hebrew studies.

Quite a wonderful moment for her parents and us to see and be part of. Thanks for your prayers.

Her parents were here from Iowa for the convocation and also joined us for Sunday worship.

Congratulations Krisha !



Two members of Joy Fellowship were privileged to take part in the 2010 Paralympic Torch Relay held in Vancouver this March.

Shannon Sparrow carried her torch representing the Musqueam First Nation Band and James Bachop carried his for Janice, and those unable to participate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 19:** Celebrating Jesus Together: A Citywide Gathering of Interdenominational Multicultural Churches
- June 20:** Father's Day service
- June 21:** Vancouver Zoo day trip
- June 24-27:** Camp Sunrise
- July 14:** MV Samson and New West Quay day trip
- July 21:** Woodlands Reunion picnic
- July 30-Aug 2:** Camp Alex
- August 11:** Reifel Bird Sanctuary day trip
- August 25:** Indian Arm Lunch Cruise

Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Torchbearers



Shannon Sparrow

Merrilee MacGregor
(in background)

James Bachop and
Stepdaughter
Janice Bavis



Grace McAllister

Prayer is of first importance to us “Joy Fellowshipers”. Jesus has told us that we should always be praying and that He will meet all our needs. We have thus looked to Him to provide from the beginning of Joy Fellowship and He has answered beyond our expectations. In no area is this more true than in the need we have for helpers. We see each person who assists us as one whom God has supplied.

We have an honor roll with pictures of those helpers who have entered Heaven and Grace McAllister is the latest in this illustrious list of those whom God gave us and who have gone to glory. Her Homegoing occurred on April 11, 2010 at the age of 81.

God brought her to us through her husband Jack about 25 years ago when Jack became a member of our Joy Fellowship Council.

It was after her fifth child was born that Jack was struck with polio and lost the use of his legs. From this time until his death Jack was confined to a wheelchair. Yet Jack didn't let this hold him back. He became a school counselor, drove his car and did most of the things a person without a handicap would do. While giving Jack credit for all this, we can't help but think that Grace was a big reason why he did so well and why her seven children and all her grandchildren have done her proud. It's hard enough to raise one child but Grace raised seven!. And as if this wasn't enough, we understand that she also took other children into her home to be cared for and nurtured. We know too that at one point in her life when Joy Gregory needed a place to stay it was Grace who provided this place.

Somehow in the midst of her busy life, Grace managed to give some quality time, not only to Joy Gregory but also to Joy Fellowship. For one thing, while Jack was President of the Joy Fellowship Council she and Jack hosted our Council meetings in their home and Grace provided the refreshments and set the tone with her wry wit. Then too, until her health failed, Grace threw herself into the Joy Fellowship yearly Christmas Tea and Craft Sale, taking a lead with Emma McCrone in organizing the tea and recruiting volunteers for the same. In the process she became beloved to many of our flock. At her memorial service her pastor commented on how well she adjusted to the life and confinement of a Care Facility following her stroke. He pointed out that she had learned to be content no matter what the circumstances. He also emphasized two of her characteristics that were plain to us –in every phase of her life she had an unwavering faith in God and, despite all her accomplishments, she was so “down to earth”

The following few words aptly describe the way Grace has lived her life.

Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention
Of arriving safely in a well preserved body.
But rather to skid broadside to the Lord's feet
Thoroughly used up, totally worn out and
Loudly proclaiming WHOA – WHAT A RIDE!”



Written by Dave Hayward Senior

JOY FELLOWSHIP AGM

Joy Fellowship AGM was held on March 13, 2010 at Trinity Baptist Hall with 45 Joy Fellowship folks, family members, friends and supporters present.

Bram Lamb opened the meeting with prayer. Chairman Ann Baranzsky welcomed everyone and gave a brief overview of Joy Fellowship's 36-year history, purpose and significant happenings over the last year.

Treasurer Oscar Banziger presented the financial statement and proposed budget for 2011.

Ann presented the list of current council members willing to continue for 2010/11. They are:

Ann Baranzsky-Job, Chair

Bram Lamb, Vice-Chair

Oscar Banziger, Treasurer

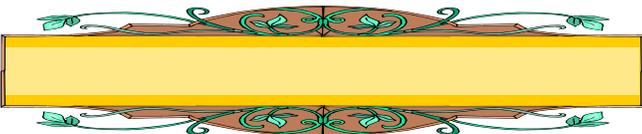
Your other council members are: Paula Waters, David Hayward Jr, Rick Benoit, Dave Hayward Sr., Ruby Hayward, Joan Lew, Dave Devitt, Richard Shorty, Sonia Humphries and Peter Humphries.

Ann introduced and welcomed Krisha Beyer, both as a new pastor and also as a new member of council. She also noted that Betty Gjertsen had stepped down from Council and expressed appreciation for Betty's contribution over the years.

A warm welcome was extended to Fleasha Vaughn, a friend of Joy Fellowship, who is involved in disability ministries in the USA and her grandson Nicholas.

Dave Jr. showed a presentation of photos highlighting some of the events of last year.

The meeting was adjourned, followed by refreshments and fellowship.



JOY FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL

At this year's AGM, the members elected the Joy Fellowship Council for the year 2010-2011. The Council, which meets monthly, is made up of fourteen members. How many of us are aware of the role of the Council and its members?

As part of her opening remarks, Chairman Ann Baranzsky explained the Administration of Joy Fellowship:

"Joy Fellowship is administered by the pastors and the council. The council members are concerned individuals who agree with the stated purposes of the fellowship. We meet once a month to receive the pastor's reports and the latest financial statements.

The purpose of the council is to help guide the Joy Ministry in it's future work and to see that we fulfil all the requirements of the laws of our country.

Decisions concerning the allocation of funds and policy decisions are made by the council. Decisions concerning the week by week activities of the fellowship are made by the pastors and the volunteer staff."



Ann Baranzsky

Joy Fellowship is blessed to have Ann as the Chairman of the Council. Ann has been involved with the fellowship for many years, serving on Council since 1998 and as Chair since 2001.

Ann said she first became involved with Joy Fellowship about 20 years ago when she saw a brochure telling about the fellowship and the need for volunteers. After reading the brochure, she volunteered to help out at Camp Alexandra. As Ann says: "the first camp I came home totally exhausted, totally humbled and very happy". Ann has been going to the camps ever since. She is now a permanent member of our Music Team and can be seen every Sunday at the front leading the singing. She enjoys meeting with the folks at Joy Fellowship and always leaves with her spirits boosted. Among her other contributions are the famous scones Ann makes for the Bake Sales at the Christmas Fair and the Joy Jamboree—always a big seller.

We are blessed to have Ann, a valued volunteer and sister in Christ.



The Angels join with the Risen Christ as the congregation sings "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Easter 2010



The Wooden Cross transformed

Joy Fellowship celebrated Easter rejoicing in the good news of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In front of a packed church, the annual Easter Pageant was performed. The pageant began with Nick Chan portraying Christ and carrying the cross down the aisle, then being nailed to the cross. Roman soldiers carried the body to the tomb, where the next morning, the women discovered the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. The angels appeared to the woman who ran to get Peter and John. Jesus reappears and the congregation joined in the singing of "Jesus Christ is Risen Today". Throughout the beautiful pageant, hymns were sung and passages of scripture were read. Following the pageant, members of the congregation were given flowers and brought them to the altar to transform the wooden cross into a beautiful floral symbol of hope.

Following the service, everyone was invited downstairs to a pancake breakfast.



Joy Congregation helped Ruby Hayward celebrate her Birthday on Feb 28th with cake and flowers. The Birthday celebration was held in the downstairs hall after the service.



John Reithofer welcomes some of his friends to a house-warming party at his new home on Cassiar Street.





Joy Jamboree 2010

Joy Jamboree was held on May 1 in the gym at Trinity Baptist Church. The Jamboree was a big success and enjoyed by all. Games, Singing, the Cake Walk, the Pie Eating Contest, the White Elephant Sale, the Car Wash, and the good Food and Drinks helped make the Jamboree fun for all ages.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who worked so hard at the Jamboree. Special thanks to the Youth Group from Burnaby Alliance Church who brought their musical group to play, while other of their members washed cars or helped with games.



The Pie Eating Contestants



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News from Away

Hi David!

A message of praise. People have been praying for my transition in ministry as I leave Gander and head to a new ministry location. Well, God has called me to join the people of the United Church in St. Anthony, Newfoundland. It is the Northernmost point on the island, 445 kms north of the Trans-Canada Highway traveling through Gros Morne National Park. The winters are long there, so I will get a lot more use out of my snowmobile. It is the iceberg, moose and whale sighting capital of the world and in the community next door, a Viking settlement has been recreated from an archeological dig in L'Anse Aux Meadows. The area feeds off of the fishing, tourism and healthcare industries. God has prepared a place for me there and has been preparing me for that place over the last few years. I go with joyful anticipation of the wonders God has wrought! Thanks for the prayers.

STEPH (Stephanie McClennan)

RACHEL ROH in Winnipeg writes to say that she finished her semester in April and that she joined a Jazz band and plays the piano with them. "The Jazz band belongs to Providence College, which is one of Christian seminary college in Manitoba. I really enjoyed playing music with them. This opportunity was like a gift God gave to me to have refreshment whenever I got stressed out from my study." Rachel will be working for the City of Winnipeg this summer and starting more courses.

EDMUND AND LILLIAN continue to be busy with their students in Tianjin. Summer came early at the end of April with temperatures being around 28 - 30 degrees. They are hoping to be back in Vancouver for their vacation later this summer.

Joy Fellowship Financial Update

"As At May 31, 2010 (5 months):

Total Income \$54,448

Total Expenses \$59,789

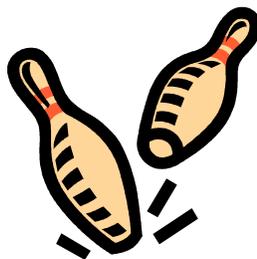
Operating Deficit (\$5,341)

Your Joy Fellowship Board is thankful to the Lord that He blesses us with your faithful support."

Keep Collecting !!

Thank you to all who are continuing to collect cans and bottles to support our children in India. We are hoping to be able to support a child with a disability in China this year. The record for a single load of cans and bottles last year was over \$200.

It's been great to open envelopes from our supporters with Canadian Tire money tucked inside them. We will use this to help with extra camp expenses, so thank you.



Sarah Brown, one of our faithful members of Joy Fellowship, will be travelling to London, Ontario in July to compete in the Canadian Summer Games. Sarah has qualified for the bowling competition. We wish her well and pray for a safe journey

News from Away continued

JUNYONG is back in Korea and working for a UN Foundation as national campaign coordinator in Korea. He asks "Have you heard about "Nothing But Nets"? It is about sending mosquito nets to Africa for protection from Malaria." He is also recommending that a fellow church member who is coming to Canada might do volunteer work at Joy Fellowship.

CARLI TRAVERS & husband ROBERT were back in Canada in May with their two sons. The purpose of their visit was to raise funds for their proposed Abetavu Children's Village in Uganda. It was great to see them being interviewed on Global TV Morning News and CTV News. Read more about Carli and Robert and their plans for Ugandan children on their website www.carliskids.com.

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